

**Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Citizens Advisory Committee

**DRAFT Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

*Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner.  
Audio recordings from the meeting are available in the Planning Department for full reference.*

**Attendance**

**Citizens Advisory Committee (Voting Members):** Chair Jack Baker (McDoel Gardens NA), Vice-Chair Patrick Murray (Prospect Hill NA), Buff Brown (Bloomington Transportation Options for People), Elizabeth Cox-Ash (McDoel Gardens NA), Ted Miller (citizen), Jerry Stasny (Old Northeast NA), and Sarah Ryterband (Prospect Hill NA).

**Others In Attendance (including Non-Voting CAC Members):** Yvette Rollins (Indiana Horse Council), Larry Jacobs (Chamber of Commerce), Raymond Hess (MPO staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO staff).

**I. Call to Order (~6:35PM)**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the August 27, 2008 meeting were accepted by the CAC.

**III. Communications from the Chair**

Mr. Baker had no reports.

**IV. Reports from the Officers and/or Committees**

There were no reports.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

Mr. Hess provided a recap of the last Policy Committee meeting: the TIP was amended to include INDOT's intersection improvement project at SR 45 and Liberty Dr.; Bloomington Transit's JARC and New Freedom grant applications were endorsed; the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Procedures were adopted; the Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems Architecture was adopted; and an update on the Transportation Enhancement grant program was provided.

**A. Bloomington Transit's Transit Development Program Update**

Mr. Robinson reported that BT will hold its next charrette for the TDP on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Monroe County Public Library. The consultant will present analysis that has been conducted including looking at the system's efficiency as a radial, grid-like, or corridor based system.

**B. Transportation Improvement Program FY2009-2012 Amendment**

Mr. Hess reported that INDOT's intersection improvement at SR 45 will realign S. Liberty Dr. and Hickory Leaf Dr. INDOT has indicated that no bicycle or pedestrian improvements are anticipated.

**C. Public Meeting for Atwater and Henderson Signal Project**

A hearing for the project will be held on October 1, 2008 at 5:30pm in City Hall's Council Chambers. Site drawings of the improvement proposal were made available.

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**VI. Old Business**

**A. Complete Streets Policy**

Mr. Robinson reviewed the latest draft of the Complete Streets Policy which included new exemption, implementation, and evaluation sections. Mr. Miller suggested that language be changed under the exemption section, last bullet, to clarify difficulty of compliance. Mr. Brown suggested that language be added stated that if a project poses a significant risk or a negative impact to bicyclists/pedestrians, than the project should not be funded. Mr. Miller suggested that the standards that are being met be more clearly defined in the policy or by the local public agency as part of the project report. Ms. Rollins suggested the CAC recommend adoption of the policy and that the policy can be fixed in the future if its not working as intended. Ms. Ryterband motioned to recommend support adoption of the policy by the Policy Committee. Ms. Cox-Ash seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Long Range Transportation Vision Statement Discussion**

Mr. Hess explained that Mr. Forrest has suggested that projects be evaluated for conformity to the Long Range Transportation Plan's Vision Statement. A copy of the adopted LRTP Vision Statement as well as the CAC's recommended vision statement were distributed to the group. The group tabled the discussion to the next meeting when Mr. Forrest could be present to elaborate on his idea. In the meantime, staff and other Committee members will try to conduct research on rating systems that are used by other MPOs to see if something can be applied locally.

**B. CY 2009 Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Hess explained reservations for the McCloskey Room need to be made for 2009. The CAC came to consensus on keeping their meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

**VIII. Communications from Committee Members**

**A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas –**

Ms. Rollins suggested that periodic updates be given on project implementation such as 17<sup>th</sup> and Fee and 1<sup>st</sup> and Walnut projects.

**VI. Upcoming Meetings**

**A.** Citizens Advisory Committee – October 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

**B.** Technical Advisory Committee – October 24, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

**C.** Policy Committee – November 14, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)

**Adjournment (~8:10 PM)**

*These minutes were \_\_\_\_ by the CAC at their regular meeting held on October 22, 2008.  
(RH 10/22/2008)*